

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 2013

The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary
Department of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC
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Dear Secretary Mabus:

As members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation, we are writing to express our strong concerns with the Department of the Navy's recent Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR) program contract announcement being awarded to a new contractor.

The defense of our country is a top priority for us as members of the New Jersey Congressional delegation, and our entire State of New Jersey. All are particularly proud of the long-standing reputation of Lockheed Martin's Moorestown operations in support of AMDR and other vital programs. Given Lockheed Martin Moorestown's long-standing work in support of AMDR, with the team at this key facility designing and producing the US Navy's Aegis Combat System for the past 40 years, we simply do not understand the Navy's decision to begin working with a new company on this critical program.

As mentioned in our previous letter to the Department Navy on this issue (attached), Lockheed Martin's engineering excellence, as well as the unparalleled infrastructure in Moorestown, NJ, is a national treasure that has enabled the unprecedented success of the Aegis program. The company offered the lowest cost AMDR solution, which is low-risk and meets the key Department of the Navy leadership areas of affordability, ship fit, scalability, and technological maturity. There is no doubt that Lockheed Martin provides best value through past investment in the program, very affordable architecture, \$135 million of direct investment and \$70 million of capitol improvements.

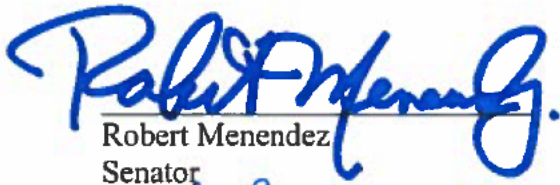
We are most concerned that the Navy's AMDR contract award decision, if implemented, would incur significant costs at this time of severe defense budget restrictions. Duplicating this existing mission capability would require at least \$400 million of investment, recruitment of top-notch personnel, and would undoubtedly result in cost, schedule, and technical risks to the AMDR program. This decision also erodes our defense industrial base, and ignores forty years of gold standard performance on SPY and Aegis programs.

We know you share our conviction that the award of the AMDR program is critical to our national security, to maintaining and growing our defense-related high technology and manufacturing jobs, and to securing this established part of our defense industrial base. We ask

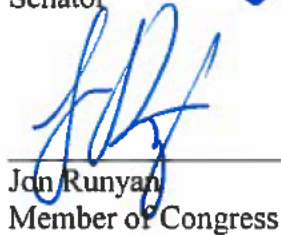
that the Department of the Navy re-examine this critical issue and provide a briefing to us as members of the New Jersey Congressional delegation on how and why this decision was made.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and your dedicated service to our nation. Please do not hesitate to contact us or (b) (6) of Rep. Runyan's staff at (202) 225-4765 or via email at (b) (6) should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



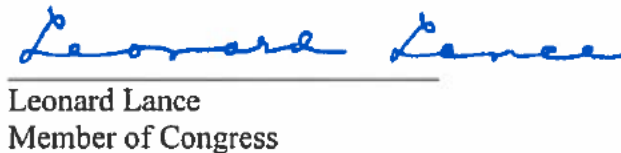
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Senator



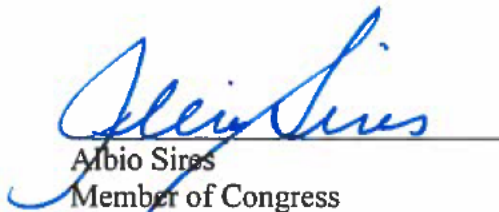
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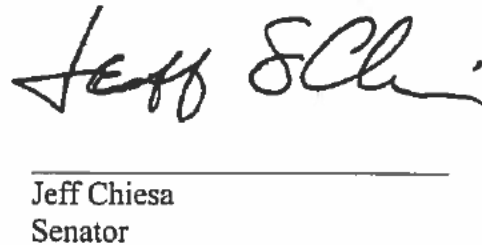
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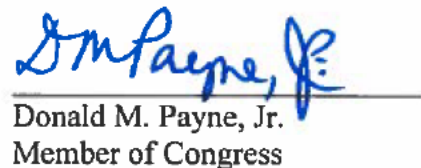
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